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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Dept., – Srikakulam District – Sri P. Erastus, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS&S Sub-Division, Palasa, Srikakulam District and retired from service - Allegations of disobedience in discharging duties and non submission of M.Books & vouchers of FFWP works of his tenure as Mandal Engineering Officer, Palasa,– Expired on 05.02.2017 – Further action abated under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.08 **Dated: 02/01/2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the CE(Admn),,RWS&S Dept, Hyderabad Lr.No.Vig(1)/ RWS&S /484/2003, dt:.25.04.2015.
2. Govt.Memo.No.6942/Vig.I/2015,dt:05.07.2016.
3. From the ENC,RWS&S, Lr.No.Vig(1)/RWS&S/484/2003, dt:.03.07.2017.
4. Govt.Memo.No.6942/Vig.I/2015,dt:07.02.2018.
5. From the ENC,RWS&S, Lr.No.Vig(1)/RWS&S/484/2003, dt:.06.11.2018.
6. Govt.Memo.No.6942/Vig.I/2015,dt:01.05.2019.
7. From the ENC,RWS&S, Lr.No.Vig(1)/RWS&S/484/2003, dt:.17.02.2021.
8. Govt.Memo.No.6942/Vig.I/2015,dt:24.12.2021.
9. From the ENC,RWS&S, Lr.No.Vig(1)/RWS&S/484/2003, dt:.22.06.2022.
10. Govt.Memo.No.6942/Vig.I/2015,dt:20.07.2022.
11. From the CEO, ZPP, Srikakulam, Lr.No.2481/2022/C4, dt:07.02.2023

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Chief Engineer (Admn), RWS&S Department has informed that Disciplinary proceedings were initiated duly framing Article of Charge against Sri P. Erastus, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS&S Sub-Division, Palasa, Srikakulam District for his disobedience in discharging duties, non submission of M.Books & vouchers of FFWP works of his tenure as MEO, Palasa, attending Executive Engineer's Office in drunken Stage and failed to submit cost analysis in providing supply of Drinking water to villages. The Chief Engineer also informed that Inquiry Authority was appointed and conducted inquiry in this matter and submitted the Inquiry Report stating that 2 charges out of 4 charges were held proved. The Inquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer.

2. The Chief Engineer (Admn), RWS&S Dept has further reported that as seen from the Enquiry report, it is noticed that the charged officer has executed the 100% Food for work Programme works during the year 2001-2002 worth 35.00 Lakhs (51 No. of works) and he has not submitted the M.Books work bills as on 19.8.2009 and also the charged officer has informed that the total bills will be submitted within 15 days for adjustment as he secured only 12 M Books out of 14 or 15 M Books since 5.6.2009. But, he has not submitted any reply to the charges as well as to the Enquiry report till to date. In the mean while, the

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charged officer was retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation. In this regard, the Chief Engineer (Admn), RWS&S Dept has forwarded the connecting material/supporting documents in this case to Government i.e competent authority in this matter for taking necessary action as the Charged Officer was retired.

3. Government after examining the above matter, issued a show cause Notice to the Charged Officer Sri P. Erastus, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS&S, Sub-Division, Palasa, Srikakulam District (Rtd.) with a direction to submit his explanation within (10) days for taking further action in the matter vide Memo 2nd read above.

4. The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, in his letter 3rd read above, while enclosing the representation of Smt.S.R.K.Kumari ,W/O Late Sri P.Erastus, Assistant Engineer, has informed that Smt.S.R.K.Kumari ,W/O Late Sri P.Erastus, Assistant Engineer in her representation has stated that at the time of receipt of show cause notice Sri P.Erastus was not in a position to write his defence, after few days he was expired on 05.02.2017.

5. Government, have requested the ENC, RWS&S to arrive at the loss caused/amount misappropriated by Sri P.Erastus, the then Assistant Engineer (Retd. And expired) along with specific remarks to the Government, immediately, vide Memos 4th, 6th and 8th read above, for taking further necessary action in the matter since before imposing punishment the CO was expired. The ENC, RWS&S, vide letters 5th, 7th and 9th read above, has informed that no records are available in the Office of MPDO., Palasa and without records, it is not possible to arrive the loss caused by the individual.

6. In the reference 10th read above, Government have directed the Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Srikakulam District to go through the records and submit his specific report on the loss caused, if any, in the said (51) works by Sri P.Erastus, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS Sub-Division, Palasa, Srikakulam District, retired and expired, and also furnish his specific remarks on non-availability of records in the Office of MPDO., Palasa, to the Government immediately.

7. The Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Srikakulam, in his report 11th read above, has informed that it is a fact that the Charged Officer has not submitted the M.Books, Work Bills and other related records of the 51 works worth of Rs.35.00 Lakhs pertains to the 100% Food For Work Programme. The Chief Executive Officer, ZPP has also informed that the MPDO, MPP, Palasa has submitted in his report on 10.05.2022 that the above M.Books, Bills and relevant records are not available in the office. The CEO, ZPP finally stated that it is not possible to confirm as to how much of loss is caused to the Government without verifying the M.Books and Vouchers.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to abate further action against Sri P. Erastus, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS&S, Sub-Division, Palasa, Srikakulam District and retired from service in this case and accordingly hereby abate further action against late Sri P. Erastus, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS&S, Sub-Division, Palasa, Srikakulam District and retired from service, who had expired on 05.02.2017, under Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules,1980.

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9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Legal heirs of late P. Erastus, the then Assistant Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Sub-Division, Palasa, Srikakulam District and retired from service through ENC, RWS&S, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the copy to the legal heirs)

Copy to:
The Secretary, APVC, Secretariat Building-5, Velagapudi.
The Accountant General, AP, Vijayawada.
The PR&RD(Estt.II) Department.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER